



Oregon Department of Transportation

# NEWS RELEASE

**Region 4** *Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Jefferson, Wheeler, Deschutes, Crook, Klamath and Lake Counties*

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**Central Oregon Road Construction**  
**UPDATE: Week of May 5, 2008**

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is continuing to invest in Oregon's future with roadway improvement projects throughout Oregon's central region (ODOT Region 4). ODOT is committed to providing safe, efficient transportation systems. The following projects reflect ODOT's commitment to make improvements as traffic numbers rise and to make the roadways safer and more efficient for drivers:

## **ALL WORK IS DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER**

### **DESCHUTES COUNTY**

#### **US 97: Redmond Reroute, MP 118.8 to 122.2**

**ODOT to shift northbound Highway 97 traffic to Reroute on Monday, May 5.**  
**Southbound traffic is expected to shift late May.**  
**Weather can affect construction schedule.**

Ongoing construction work at the north and south end of the project that will require motorists to maintain heightened awareness of lane controls.

#### **Oregon 126 at Eagle Crest Blvd.**

**Clearing and excavation to take place ahead of paving scheduled for week of May 19. Drivers should be alert for work zone signs and flaggers.**

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY (US 97: Willowdale – Madras – Bundle 453)**

**US 97 (The Dalles-California Highway), MP 78.2, MP 78.5 & MP 90.1, north of Madras**

High Desert Paving and Aggregate is working to replace an existing Bridge at Hay Creek, MP 78.2, with a multi-plate pipe, replacing a cattle pass culvert at MP 78.7, and replacing an Irrigation Canal Bridge, MP 90.1, with a box culvert.

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During the week of April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will be utilizing periodic lane closures to complete miscellaneous cleanup work at Hay Creek, MP 78.2. No delays are expected.

### **KLAMATH COUNTY**

**HIGHWAY 140 (Lake of the Woods Highway) Little Butte Creek –Great Meadow Snow Park . MP 16.04 to MP 30.92 and MP 37.0 to MP 37.7**

Weather permitting, tree and brush removal will take place at Fish Lake ( MP 30-31) and Great Meadow (MP 37 and 38) to prepare for westbound center turn lane construction.

Survey work and installation of signs will also be performed between MP 16 and MP 37.7  
Watch for flaggers. Motorists can expect minor delays

### **Oregon Highway 58: U.S. 97 Overcrossing (Oregon 58 mile post 86.3 north of Chemult)**

**Project summary:** Replace one bridge at the intersection of Oregon Highway 58 and U.S. 97.

No construction activity is planned this week.

### **WHEELER COUNTY (US 26: Rush Creek – Antone – Bundle A51) US 26 (Ochoco Highway), MP 45-50 & 60 – 81.6, Mitchell Area**

Tidewater, Inc. is working to replace two existing Bridges on Bridge Creek at approximate MP 65.7. One Bridge will be replaced this Summer (07) and the other will be replaced the following Summer (08). During bridge replacement traffic will be routed around a short detour adjacent to the bridges. The contractor will also be performing paving over the 36 mile project length to improve the existing pavement structure.

As of April 7<sup>th</sup> traffic was shifted to the detour as work on the bridge at MP 65.6 began. This detour is the same one utilized last year during the construction of the bridge at MP 65.8. There is no significant delay due to the detour. The two businesses between the bridges, Cannon's Tire Center & Route 26 Espresso will remain open during the detour. The detour will be in effect until the end of October 2008. During the week of May 5 – May 9<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will be performing micropile installation and abutment construction.

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